

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

FIRST-CLASS PACKAGE SERVICE (FCPS),  
SERVICE STANDARD CHANGES, 2021

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**NOTICE OF PRE-FILING CONFERENCE**  
(May 25, 2021)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3020.111(d), the United States Postal Service (“Postal Service”) provides the Postal Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) this Notice of its intent to hold a pre-filing conference on June 8, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm EDT, regarding its proposed Service Standard Changes for First-Class Package Service (“FCPS”).<sup>1</sup> Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the conference will occur virtually, rather than at a physical location. Representatives of the Postal Service capable of discussing the proposal will be made available at this time.

Proposed Service Standard Change

On March 23, 2021, the Postal Service announced its Ten-Year Strategic Plan, entitled *Delivering for America: Our Vision and Ten-Year Plan to Achieve Financial Sustainability and Service Excellence*. As part of its ongoing process to improve reliability, better performance, and reduce costs the Postal Service plans to revise the current service standards for FCPS in a manner that would “generally affect service on a nationwide or substantially nationwide basis.”

39 U.S.C. § 3661(b). The most significant revisions would change the FCPS

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<sup>1</sup> FCPS is a mailing service available for lightweight packages—for retail mailers, the weight of the package cannot exceed 13 ounces; for commercial mailers, the weight of the package cannot exceed 15.999 ounces.

service standard for inter-Sectional Center Facility (“SCF”) domestic pieces transported between certain origin Processing & Distribution Center or Facility (“P&DCF”) and destination SCF pairs (“OD Pairs”) within the contiguous United States. The service standards would be based on the combined drive time between origin P&DCF, destination ADC, and destination SCF. This is a similar approach to the Postal Service’s proposed service standard changes for First-Class Mail (“FCM”), though the specific FCPS and FCM service standards would diverge.

Specifically, the Postal Service is proposing to expand the drive time for the two-day service standard for FCPS to account for the additional drive time to certain destination Area Distribution Centers (“ADC”). Also, within the contiguous United States, the Postal Service proposes narrowing the scope of the three-day FCPS standard and applying four-day and five-day standards to certain packages traveling longer distances between origin and destination processing facilities, based on specific drive time standards. In addition, unless a shorter service standard applies, the proposed changes would increase service standards within the non-contiguous states and certain territories by up to one day for certain FCPS volume. A four-day service standard would apply for certain FCPS volume, while all other FCPS volume to non-contiguous United States destinations will be subject to a five-day service standard.

### Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, the Postal Service plans to hold the above-noticed virtual Pre-filing Conference regarding its proposed First-Class Package Service Standard Change on June 8, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm EDT, in order to provide an opportunity to educate the public on its plans, and for interested persons to give feedback to the Postal Service that it may use to modify or refine its proposal before it is filed with the Commission. Information and instructions regarding how to participate in the virtual Pre-filing Conference may be found at <https://about.usps.com/what/strategic-plans/delivering-for-america/#conference>. The deadline for registration is June 1, 2021, at 5:00 pm EDT. Therefore, in accordance with 39 C.F.R. § 3020.111(d), the Postal Service provides the Commission its Notice of Pre-filing Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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